SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

January 22nd, 2023

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"Look unto ME, and be saved, all the ends of the earth—for I AM GOD, and there is no other."

(Isaiah 45:22)

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God A Beggar? False preachers today have made a beggar of the Lord of lords. No, my proud religionist, you are the beggar. God is not obligated to do anything but damn you to the eternal praise of His justice. If you keep listening to the wrong voices, your end shall be [like those to whom] Christ said, *"I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only? Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?"* (John 5:43-47). — Scott Richardson

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Welcome

Sinners are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

We extend our sympathy to Gary & Marcella Borders and their family on the death of his mother. May the Lord grant His comforting *rejoicing* peace to them at this time (2 Corinthians 1:3,4).

Sovereign Grace Conference 2023 / Pastor Fred Evans
Friday, February 24th, 7:30 PM,
Saturday, February 25th, 10:30 AM,
Sunday, February 26th, 11:00 AM

Resources

Be sure to visit our website for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Grace Articles

Trust God

"Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him…" (Job 13:15)

BELOVED, "Trust God." It is easy for us to do so in *sunshine*. It is easy to follow our Leader, as Israel did the pillar-cloud, when a glorious pathway was opened up for them through the tongue of the Red Sea; or when at Elim they pitched under tapering palm and by gushing fountain; or when heaven rained down bread on the hungry camp. But it is not so easy to follow when earthly palms wither and fountains fail, and the pillar ceases to guide, and all outward and visible supports are withdrawn. *Then*, however, is the time for faith to rise to the ascendant. When the world is loud with its atheist sneer,—What of religious supports now? THEN is the time to manifest a simple childlike confidence; and, amid baffling dispensations and frowning providences to exclaim, *"Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him!"* …

… ***Child of Poverty!*** where is the God whom thou trustest? Can He visit this rude dwelling? Can His promises be hung on these broken rafters? Can the light of His Word illumine that cheerless [fireplace] and sustain that bent figure, shivering over the smouldering ashes? Yes! He is here. The lips of truth that uttered the beatitude, *"Blessed be ye poor,"* have not spoken in vain. Bound down by [chilling poverty], forsaken and forgotten in old age, no footstep of mercy heard on my threshold, no [speech] of man to drop the kindly word, no hand of succour to replenish the empty cupboard; that God above has not deserted me. He has led me to seek and lay up my treasure in a home where want cannot enter, and where the beggar's [shack] is transformed into the kingly mansion! (Luke 6:20)

Bereaved One! where is the God whom thou trustest? Where is the Arm of Omnipotence thou [you used to lean upon]? Has He forgotten to be gracious? Has He mocked thy prayers by trampling in the dust thy dearest and best, and left thee to pine and agonise in the bitterness of thy desolate heart and home? Nay, He is *here!* He has swept down my fond idols, but it was in order that He Himself might occupy the vacant place. I knew Him too well to question the faithfulness of His word and the fidelity of His dealings. I have never known what a God He was, till this hour of bitter trial overtook me! There was a *"need be"* in every tear, every deathbed, every grave! (1 Peter 1:6)

Dying One! the closing moments are at hand; the world is receding, the herald symptoms of approaching dissolution are gathering fast round thy pillow, the soul is pluming its wings for the immortal flight! [Soon] memory begins to fade and the mind becomes a waste; [soon] the names of friends when mentioned will only be answered by a dull vacant look, and then the hush of awful silence; tell me, [soon] the last lingering ray of consciousness and thought has vanished, where is the God whom thou trustest? He is here! I feel the everlasting arms underneath and round about me. Heart and flesh are failing. The mists of death are dimming my eyes to the things below, but they are opening on the magnificent [views] of eternity. He who has for long been the object of faith's reliance, will soon be revealed in full vision and fruition. *"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation"* (Isaiah 12:2). [AMEN!] — John Ross Macduff

Look unto me, and be ye saved!

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HOW often we seem not to have any real religion, or enjoy any solid comfort! How often are our evidences obscured and beclouded, and our minds covered with deep darkness! How often does the Lord hide Himself, so that we cannot behold Him, nor get near to Him; and how often the ground on which we thought we stood is cut from under our feet, and we have no firm standing! What a painful path is this to walk in, but how profitable!

When we are reduced to poverty and beggary, we learn to value Christ's glorious riches; the worse opinion we have of our own heart, and the more deceitful and desperately wicked that we find it, the more we put our trust in His faithfulness. The more [dark] we are in our own esteem, the more beautiful and lovely does He appear in our eyes. As we sink, Jesus rises. As we become feeble, He puts forth His strength. As we come into danger, He brings deliverance; as we get into temptation, He breaks the snare. As we are shut up in darkness and obscurity, He causes the light of His countenance to shine. Now it is by being led in this way, and walking in these paths, that we come rightly to know who Jesus is, and to see and feel how suitable and precious such a Savior is to our undone souls. We are needy, He has in Himself all riches; we are hungry, He is the bread of life; we are thirsty, He says, *"If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink;"* we are naked, and He has clothing to bestow; we are fools, and He has wisdom to grant; we are lost, and He speaks, *"Look unto me, and be saved."* Thus, so far from our misery shutting us out from God's mercy, it is the only requisite for it; so far from our guilt excluding His pardon, it is the only thing needful for it; so far from our helplessness ruining our souls, it is the needful preparation for the manifestation of His power in our weakness; we cannot heal our own wounds and sores; that is the very reason why He should stretch forth His arm. It is because there is no salvation in ourselves, or in any other creature, that He says, *"Look unto me, for I am God, and there is none else."* [AMEN!] — J.C. Philpot

An excerpt from **Through Baca's Vale, Daily Words for Zion's Wayfarers**

Believing on the Lord Jesus Christ

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD…" (Isaiah 1:18)

THIS is what I am hearing: 'Accept Jesus as your personal Saviour.' But nowhere in the New Testament do we find any apostle, prophet, or preacher ever telling a sinner to accept Jesus as his personal Savior. What we hear [the apostles] saying is believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. The command to sinners was bow and subject [themselves] to the Lordship of Christ. That is, lay down your weapons, surrender, worship, and adore Him. You come to Him in your true character as a beggar, a lost undone sinner or you don't come at all. [AMEN!] — Scott Richardson